

Joint Staff Preventive Medicine Report



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Agenda

- **Unified Command Plan**
- **Combatant Commanders Surgeons' Conference**
- **Question(s) to the Board**



Unified Command Plan





Combatant Command Surgeons' Conference

- **(U) December 2005 COCOM Surgeons' Conference**
 - **Avian Influenza was a discussion thread**
- **(U) US Pacific Command (PACOM) raised question regarding Influenza vaccine**
 - **Northern Hemisphere v. Southern Hemisphere**
- **(U) Only US Northern Command (NORTHCOM) is exclusively a "Northern Hemisphere" geographic COCOM.**
 - **While USPACOM raised the question, equity in the answer is shared by other COCOMs.**



Questions for the Board

- **Are the common circulating influenza viruses different enough to warrant separate Northern and Southern Hemispheric vaccines?**
- **Is there insufficient cross-reactivity between the two vaccines to annually warrant DoD procurement of the two separate hemispheric influenza vaccines?**



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- **Is it practical for DoD to annually procure a Food & Drug Administration (FDA) licensed Southern Hemisphere influenza vaccine?**
- **What are the consequences of not procuring a FDA licensed Southern influenza vaccine?**



Discussion?